

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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Investment in Telecom Infrastructure
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether private mobile service providers have made a huge investment in infrastructure development in the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the number of sites put up in the last 15 months is nearly equal to the number put up on the last 20 years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Investment of Private Telecom Service Providers

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(Rs in crore)
2014-15 2013-14 2012-13
Gross Block* 431597 365665 347019
Capital Work in progress 91373 77829 30029

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*Gross Block = Fixed Assets(Tangible and Intangible)

(b) & (c) The total number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) installed by various Telecom Service Provider (TSPs) at different mobile tower locations as on 28.02.2015 are 8,58,050 and as on 31.05.2016 are 11,90,867. The net addition in BTSs during last 15 months i.e. from 28.02.2015 till 31.05.2016 is 3,32,817.